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METHOD

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AMENDMENT IN REPLY TO ACTION OF JUNE 21, 2005

Please reconsider and reexamine the claims in view of the following remarks:

REMARKS

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 7-8, 12 and 15-16 as anticipated by Watanabe et al. (U.S. Patent 5,854,655 herein after "Watanabe").

Independent claim 1

We submit that Watanabe does not teach or suggest an image signal processor comprising a deficiency candidate detection circuit, ..., for comparing the signal of a target pixel with a threshold value set in accordance with the signals of the plurality of peripheral pixels to detect a deficient pixel candidate and generating a comparison result, as well as a deficiency determining circuit, ..., for determining a deficient pixel according to continuity of the deficient pixel candidate based on a plurality of comparison results over the plurality of screens, as recited in claim 1.

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